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SUBJECT: NATO AWACS: SECDEF LETTER TO MOD LEBERS

1. IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT PLANNED DECISION DATE REGARDING
NATO AWACS OF DECEMBER IS, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, QUITE
NEAR, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PROPOSE TO
LEBER A BILATERAL DISCUSSION TO ALLOW FOR A FRANK
AND AUTHORITATIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. THE LETTER FROM SECDEF TO MOD LEBER BELOW IS
DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A BILATERAL AT WHICH WE CAN
DETERMINE FRG INTENTIONS REGARDING KEY AREAS NOTED
THEREIN IN TIME TO SEE IF IT IS ADVISABLE TO PURSUE
EFFORT TO ACHIEVE MINISTERIAL DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT

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IN DECEMBER.

3. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECDEF
BROWN TO MOD LEBER (ORIGINAL POUCHED ON AUGUST 15):

QUOTE.

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

12 AUG 77

THE HONORABLE GEORG LEBER
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
POSTFACH 1328
5300 BONN 1
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

DEAR GEORG,

I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR OUR STAFFS TO
GET TOGETHER SOON AT A RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON AWACS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ME
TO UNDERSTAND THE FRG'S CURRENT THINKING ON PROGRAM
SCOPE, COST-SHARING, AND FRENCH PARTICIPATION. WE
WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO SHARE OUR VIEWS ON
THESE ISSUES, AND DISCUSS ANY OTHERS WHICH BEAR ON
THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT, INCLUDING THOSE WHICH I
UNDERSTAND DR. SCHNELL RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH GENERAL
HAIG;

IF YOU AGREE WITH THIS SUGGESTION, I PROPOSE THAT MY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS, DAVID E. MCGIFFERT, COME TO BONN IN EARLY
SEPTEMBER TO MEET WITH WHOMEVER YOU DESIGNATE.
ALTERNATIVELY, WE WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY YOUR
REPRESENTATIVES TO WASHINGTON.

SINCERELY,

HAROLD

BEST PERSONAL WISHES

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